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1. FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR'S DELIVERY OF SECRETARY
KISSINGER'S LETTER TO STATE SECRETARY SACHS, (REFTEL C), EMBASSY
ECONOMIC COUNSELOR LEFT COPY OF LETTER WITH ECONOMIC
MINISTRY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ELSON, WHO WAS ACTING
IN ABSENCE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY (FRAU) STEEG.
CONTENTS OF EBERLE-SOAMES LETTER ALSO CONVEYED TO
ELSON. MINISTRY'S TARIFF EXPERT LUTZ WAS ALSO PRESENT AT
MEETING. EMBOFF STRESSED URGENCY OF REACHING SOLUTION
TO THE XXIV:6 PROBLEM AT NEXT WEEK'S 113 COMMITTEE
MEETING, PRIOR TO PERMREPS MEETING.

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2. ELSON EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OUR CONVEYANCE OF THE TWO MESSAGES, BUT SAID HE COULD NOT COMMENT SUBSTANTIVELY AT THIS TIME. HE ASSURED US THAT BOTH HE AND FRAU STEEG, WHO WILL BE IN THE CHAIR AT THE MONDAY 113 COMMITTEE MEETING, WILL DO THEIR UTMOST TO TRY TO REACH A COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE PRESENT EC AND US POSITIONS. HE COULD NOT, HOWEVER, PREDICT THE OUTCOME, IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUED PROBLEMS THAT DIFFERENT EC MEMBER COUNTRIES STILL HAVE WITH CERTAIN ITEMS ON OUR HARD CORE LIST. ELSON ADDED THAT, IN THE EVENT THE APRIL 22 MEETING FAILED TO REACH A COMPROMISE, HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT ANOTHER 113 COMMITTEE MEETING WOULD BE HELD PRIOR TO THE APRIL 25 PERMREPS MEETING. HE ASSURED US OF THE FRG'S READINESS TO DEMONSTRATE ITS POLITICAL WILL AND TO EXERT ITSELF TO BRING THIS VEXING PROBLEM TO A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION.
HILLENBRAND

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